

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
NORTHERN DIVISION

JERMAINE CORTEZ PATE,

Petitioner,

v.

RUSTY RATLIFF,

Respondent.

No. 2:25-cv-00031-JSD

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Petitioner Jermaine Cortez Pate has filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, but he has neither paid the filing fee nor filed a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. “The Clerk may refuse to receive and file any pleading or document in any case until the applicable statutory fee is paid, except in cases accompanied by a completed application to proceed in forma pauperis.” E.D. Mo. Local Rule 2.01(B)(1).

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner must either pay the \$5.00 filing fee or submit a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, within **thirty (30) days** of the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall mail to Petitioner a copy of the Court’s form ‘Motion to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis* and Affidavit in Support – Habeas Cases.’

Dated this 28th day of April, 2025.


JOSEPH S. DUEKER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE